

Angle Modulation

- Angle modulation: frequency modulation (FM) or phase modulation (PM).
- Basic idea: vary frequency (FM) or phase (PM) according to the message signal.
- While AM is (almost) linear, FM or PM is highly nonlinear.
- FM/PM provide many advantages (main – noise immunity) over AM, at a cost of larger bandwidth.
- Demodulation may be complex, but modern ICs allow cost-effective implementation.
- Example: FM radio (high quality, not expensive receivers).

Angle Modulation: Basic Definitions

- Angle-modulated signal (PM or FM) can be expressed as:

$$x(t) = A_c \cos(\psi(t))$$

- Phase modulation:

$$\psi(t) = \omega_c t + \varphi(t), \quad \varphi(t) = \Delta\varphi \cdot m(t)$$

- Frequency modulation:

$$\psi(t) = \omega_c t + \int_0^t \Omega(\tau) d\tau, \quad \Omega(t) = \Delta\Omega \cdot m(t)$$

for a short period of time (small t): $\psi(t) \approx [\omega_c + \Omega(0)]t + \varphi_0$

- Max phase deviation: $\Delta\varphi = \text{Max} \{|\varphi(t)|\} = \text{Max} \{|\psi(t) - \omega_c t|\}$
- Max frequency deviation: $\Delta\Omega = \text{Max} \{|\Omega(t)|\} = \text{Max} \{|\omega(t) - \omega_c|\}$
- Normalized message signal: $|m(t)| \leq 1$

Note: deviation is w.r.t. unmodulated value.

Angle Modulation: Parameters

- Instantaneous frequency:

$$\omega(t) = \frac{d\psi(t)}{dt} = \begin{cases} \omega_c + \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} = \omega_c + \Delta\phi \frac{dm(t)}{dt}, & PM \\ \omega_c + \Omega(t) = \omega_c + \Delta\Omega \cdot m(t), & FM \end{cases}$$

- Instantaneous phase:

$$\psi(t) = \int_0^t \omega(\tau) d\tau = \begin{cases} \omega_c t + \phi(t) = \omega_c t + \Delta\phi \cdot m(t), & PM \\ \omega_c t + \int_0^t \Omega(\tau) d\tau = \omega_c t + \Delta\Omega \int_0^t m(\tau) d\tau, & FM \end{cases}$$

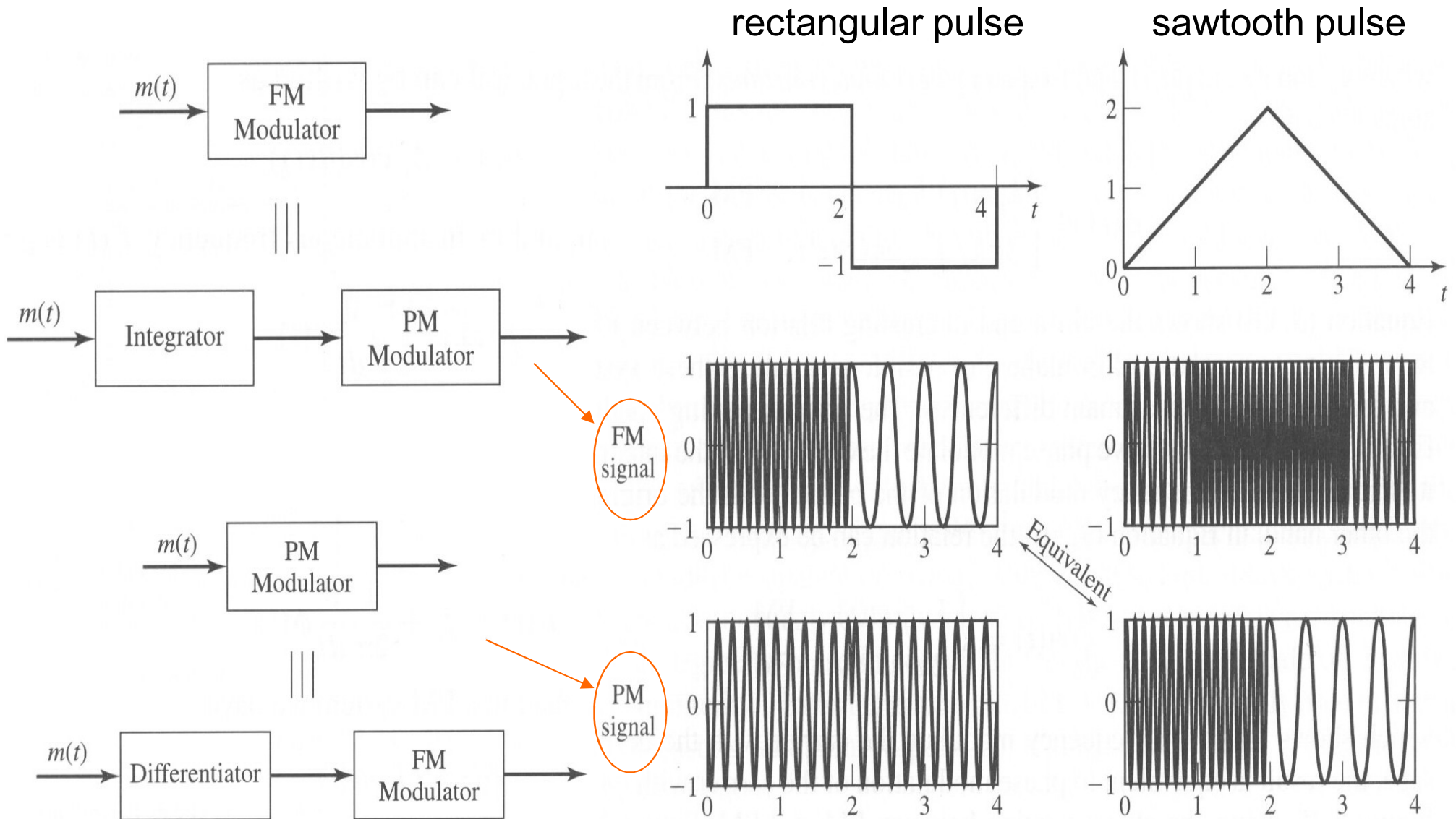
- Effect of mod. signal amplitude:** $M(t) = A \cdot m(t)$, $\max[|m(t)|] = 1$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta\phi = k_p A, & PM \\ \Delta\Omega = k_f A, & FM \end{cases}$$

k_f, k_p - modulation constants,
Hz/V & rad./V

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measured in lab 3.

Angle Modulation: Examples



Example: Sinusoidal Modulating Signal

- Assume that $m(t) = \cos(\omega_m t)$

- Instantaneous phase:

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} \omega_c t + \Delta\phi \cdot \cos(\omega_m t), & PM \\ \omega_c t + \frac{\Delta\Omega}{\omega_m} \sin(\omega_m t), & FM \end{cases}$$

- Modulated signal:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} A_c \cos[\omega_c t + \Delta\phi \cdot \cos(\omega_m t)], & PM \\ A_c \cos\left[\omega_c t + \frac{\Delta\Omega}{\omega_m} \sin(\omega_m t)\right], & FM \end{cases}$$

- Modulation indices:

$$\begin{cases} \beta_p = \Delta\phi, & PM \\ \beta_f = \frac{\Delta\Omega}{\omega_m}, & FM \end{cases}$$



Valid in general case as well, with

$\omega_m \rightarrow$ max. modulating frequency

Spectrum of Angle-Modulated Signal

- Consider sinusoidal modulating signal:

$$x(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + \beta \cdot \sin(\omega_m t)] = \text{Re} \left[A_c e^{j\beta \cdot \sin(\omega_m t)} e^{j\omega_c t} \right]$$

- Complex envelope is expanded in Fourier series:

$$C(t) = A_c e^{j\beta \cdot \sin(\omega_m t)} = A_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_m t}$$

- Expansion coefficients are

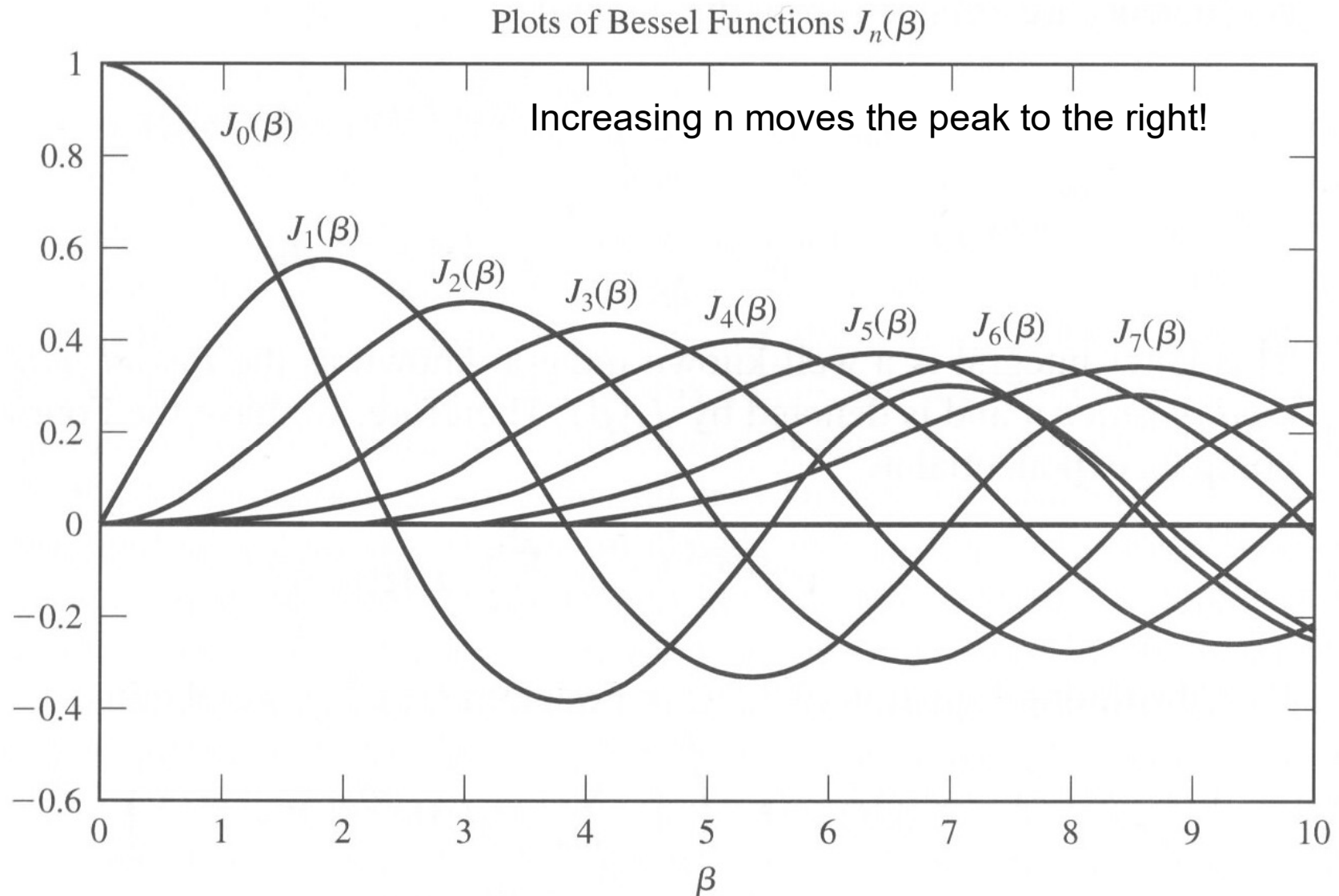
$$c_n = \frac{1}{T_m} \int_0^{T_m} e^{j\beta \sin \omega_m t} e^{-jn\omega_m t} dt \stackrel{u=\omega_m t}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{j(\beta \sin u - nu)} du = J_n(\beta)$$

- Finally,

$$x(t) = A_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) \cos[(\omega_c + n\omega_m)t]$$

$J_n(\beta)$ - Bessel function of 1st kind & n-th order, $J_{-n}(\beta) = (-1)^n J_n(\beta)$

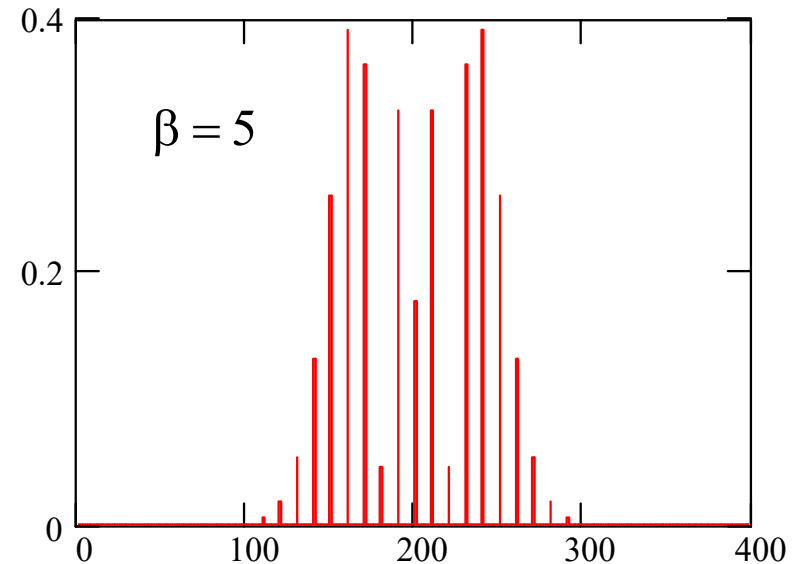
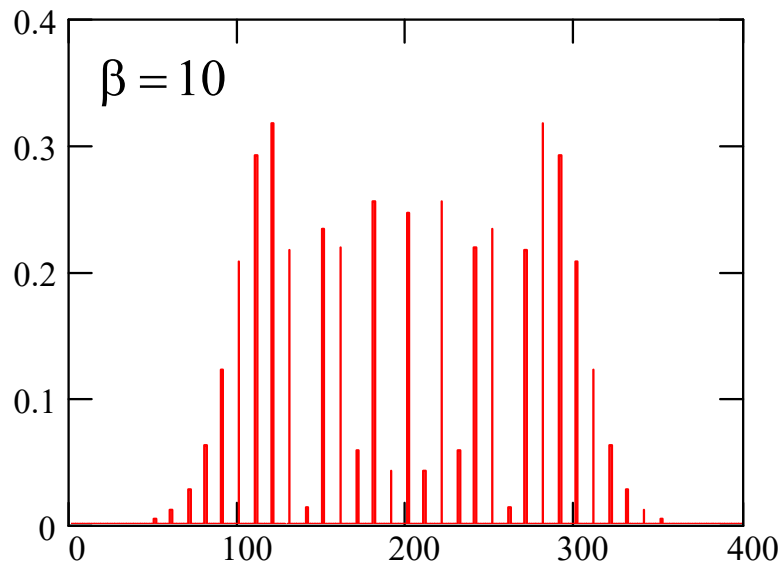
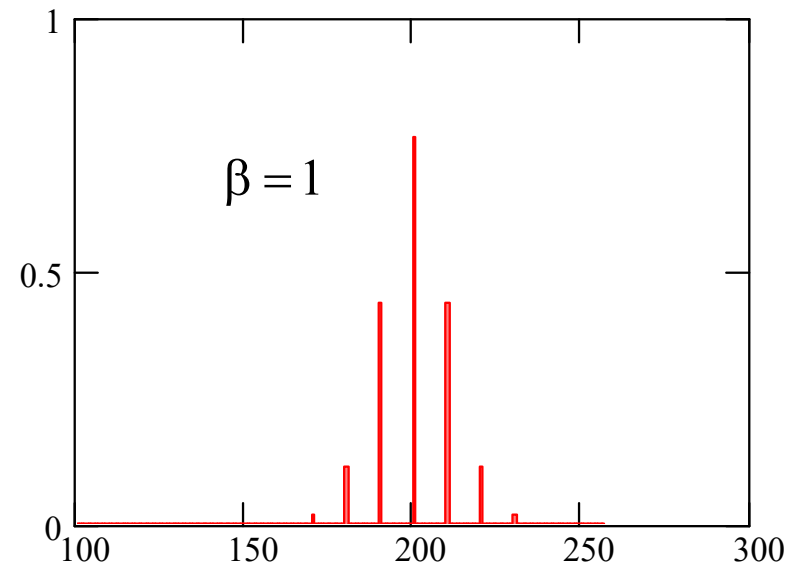
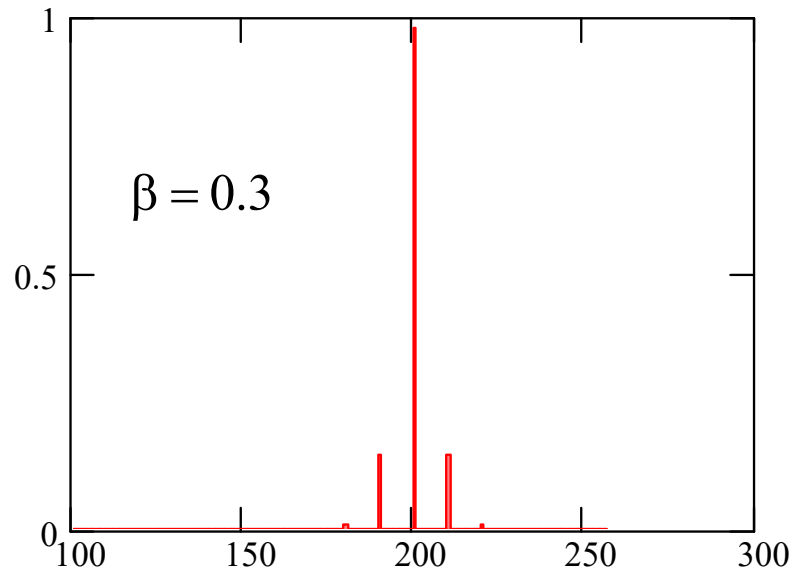
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n	$\beta = 0.1$	$\beta = 0.2$	$\beta = 0.5$	$\beta = 1$	$\beta = 2$	$\beta = 5$	$\beta = 8$	$\beta = 10$	n
0	<u>0.998</u>	<u>0.990</u>	0.938	0.765	0.224	-0.178	0.172	-0.246	0
1	0.050	0.100	<u>0.242</u>	0.440	0.577	-0.328	0.235	0.043	1
2	0.001	0.005	0.031	<u>0.115</u>	0.353	0.047	-0.113	0.255	2
3				0.020	<u>0.129</u>	0.365	-0.291	0.058	3
4				0.002	0.034	0.391	-0.105	-0.220	4
5					0.007	0.261	0.186	-0.234	5
6					0.001	<u>0.131</u>	0.338	-0.014	6
7	the last significant spectral component:					0.053	0.321	0.217	7
8						0.018	0.223	0.318	8
9	$n = [\beta + 1]$					0.006	<u>0.126</u>	0.292	9
10						0.001	0.061	0.207	10
11						0.026	<u>0.123</u>	11	
12						0.010	0.063	12	
13						0.003	0.029	13	
14						0.001	0.012	14	
15	$x(t) = A_c \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\beta) \cos[(\omega_c + n\omega_m)t]$							0.004	15
16									

FM/PM Spectrum: Examples



Bandwidth of Angle-Modulated Signal

- Power bandwidth (98% of the power) of angle-modulated signal (Carson's rule):

$$\Delta\omega \approx 2(\beta + 1)\omega_m$$

- Power bandwidth of PM and FM signals:

$$\Delta\omega \approx 2(\beta + 1)\omega_m = \begin{cases} 2(\Delta\phi + 1)\omega_m, & PM \\ 2(\Delta\Omega + \omega_m), & FM \end{cases}$$

- These expressions hold for a general modulating signal as well, ω_m - the max. modulating frequency.
- Angle modulation with large index expands spectrum!

Example: FM Radio

- FM signal with a sinusoidal message has the following parameters:

$$A_c = 10, f_c = 100\text{MHz}, \Delta f_p = 80\text{kHz}, F_{\max} = 10\text{kHz}$$

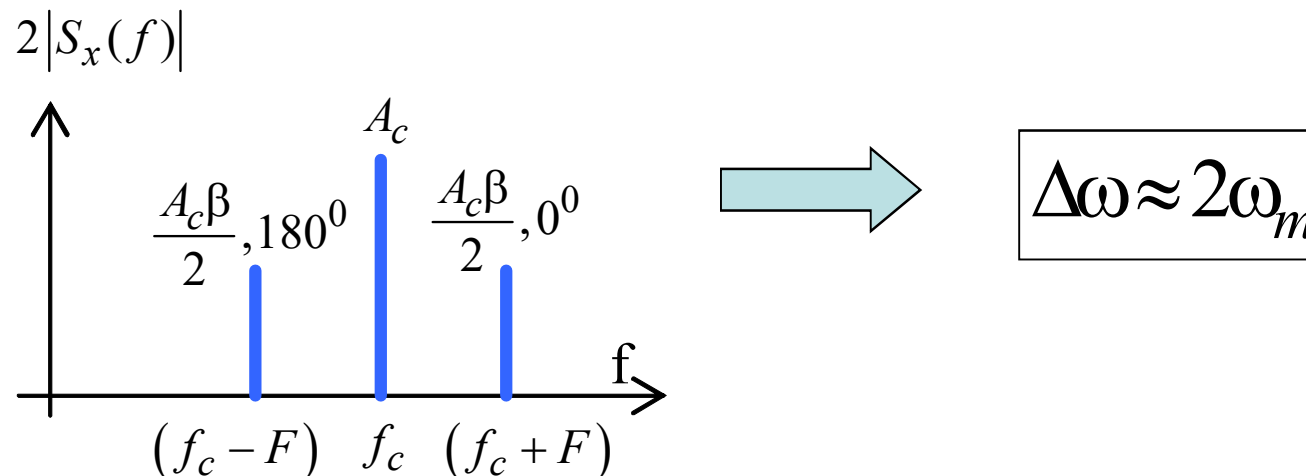
1. Find modulation index
2. Find signal bandwidth, compare to AM
3. Find signal power
4. Find time-domain expression $x(t)$ of the signal; sketch it (as on OS)
5. Find its spectrum (as on SA) and plot it.

Narrowband Angle Modulation

- Modulation index is low, $\beta \ll 1$
- Modulated signal can be expressed as:

$$x(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + \beta \cdot \sin(\omega_m t)]$$
$$\approx A_c \cos \omega_c t + \frac{A_c \beta}{2} \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)t - \frac{A_c \beta}{2} \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)t$$

- Similar to AM signal, the bandwidth is (both, PM & FM)



Wideband Angle Modulation

- Modulation index is high, $\beta \gg 1$

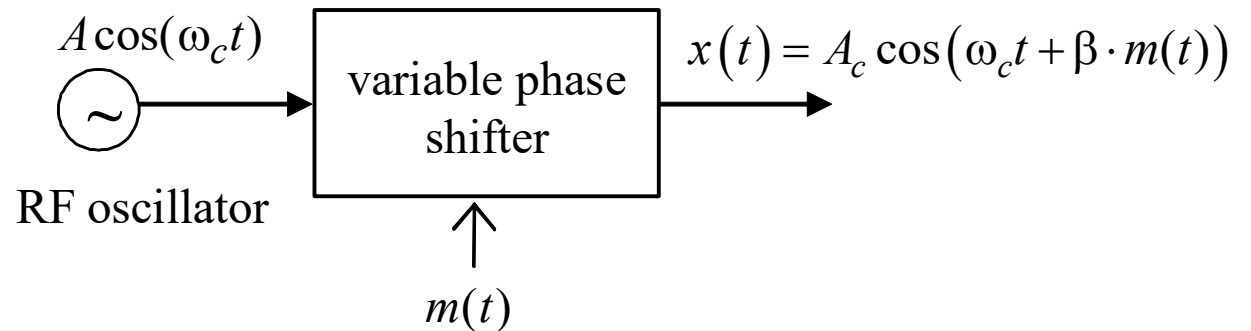
- The signal bandwidth is:

$$\Delta\omega \approx 2\beta\omega_m = \begin{cases} 2\Delta\phi \cdot \omega_m, & PM \\ 2\Delta\Omega, & FM \end{cases}$$

- Different for PM and FM!
- Wideband FM: the bandwidth is twice the frequency deviation. Does not depend on the modulating frequency.
- Wideband PM: the bandwidth depends on modulating frequency.
- Modulation index $\beta =$ bandwidth expansion factor.

PM Modulator

General principle:

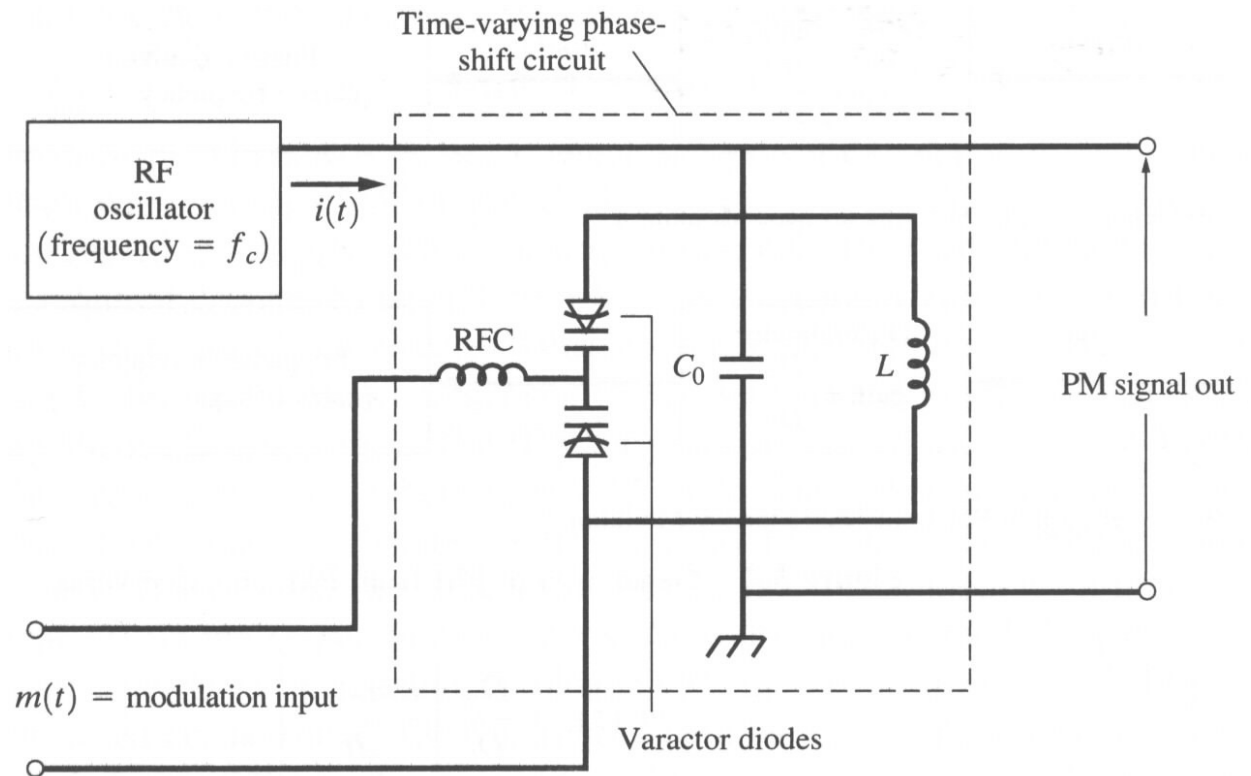


Practical implementation:

$$\Delta\phi \approx k\Delta f, \quad \Delta f = f_c - f_0$$

$k =$ modulation constant
 $f_0 =$ resonant frequency

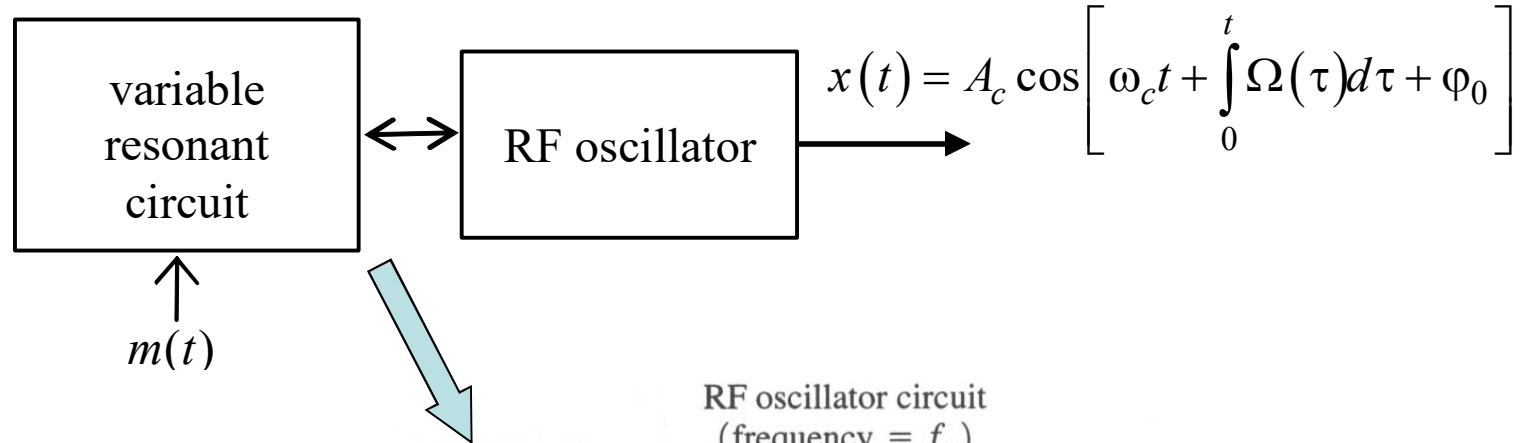
Q.: sketch $\Delta\phi(\Delta f)$



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FM Modulator

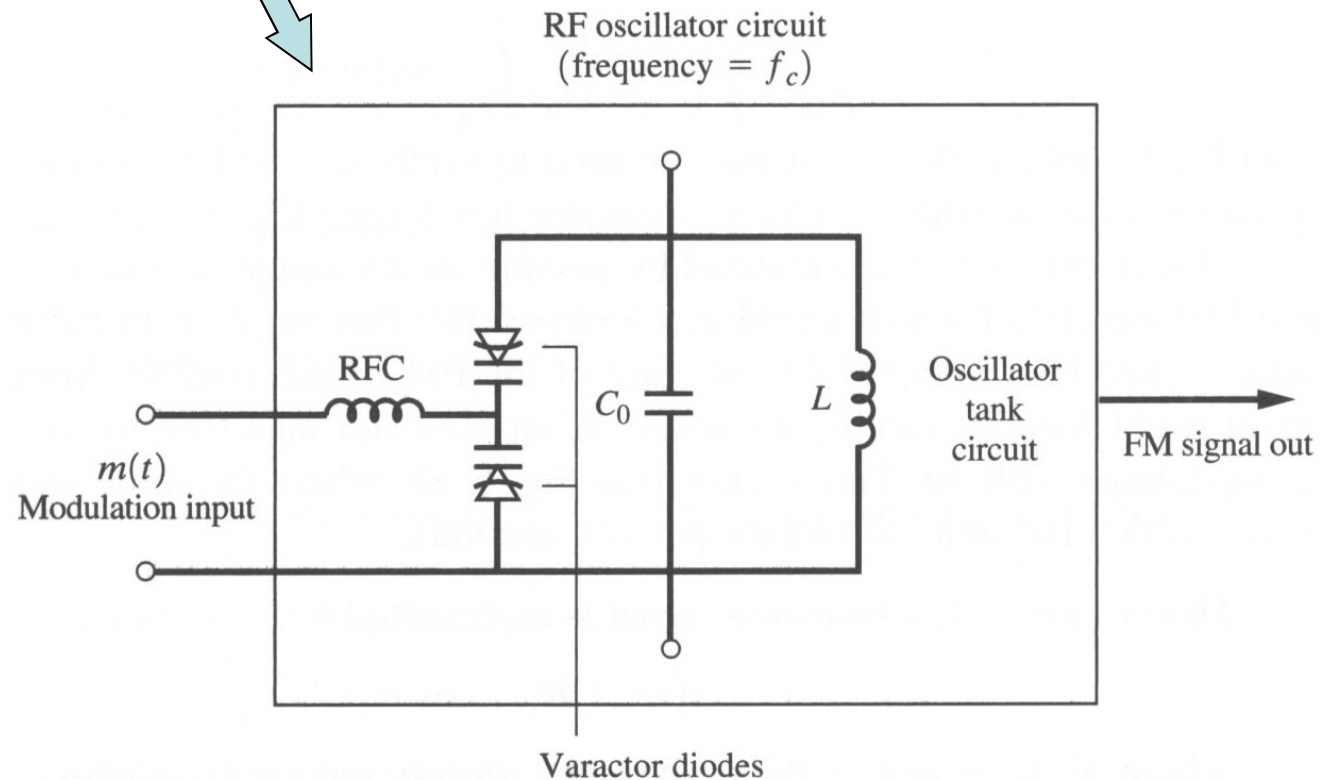
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Practical implementation:

Difficulty: frequency stability.

Suitable for narrowband FM only.



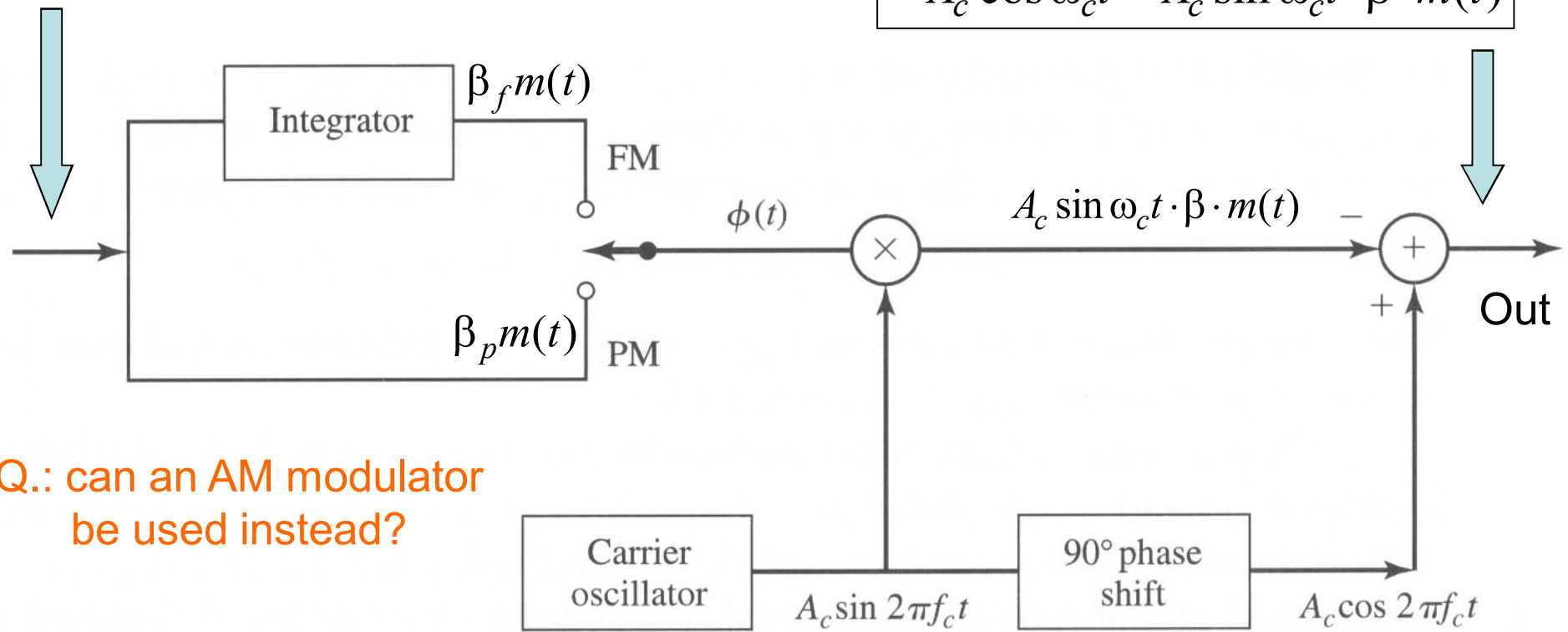
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Narrowband Angle Modulator

Small modulation index: $\beta \ll 1$ 

$$x(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + \beta \cdot m(t)] \approx A_c \cos \omega_c t - A_c \sin \omega_c t \cdot \beta \cdot m(t)$$

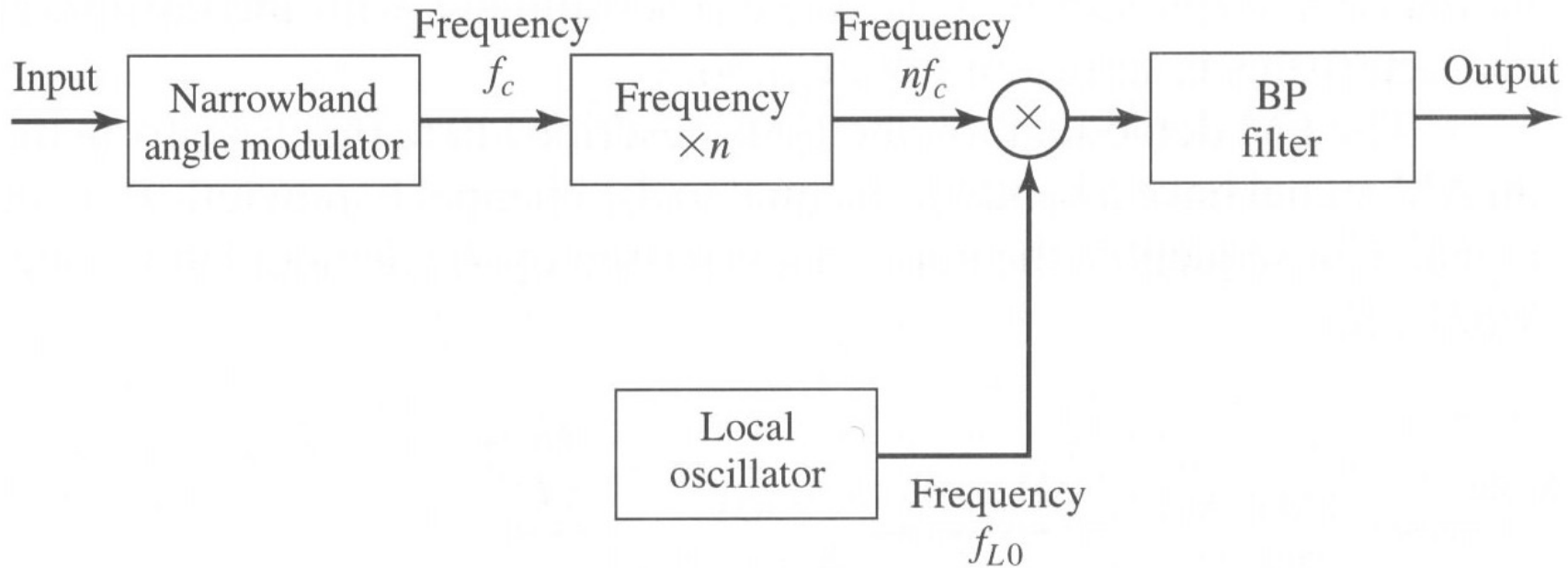
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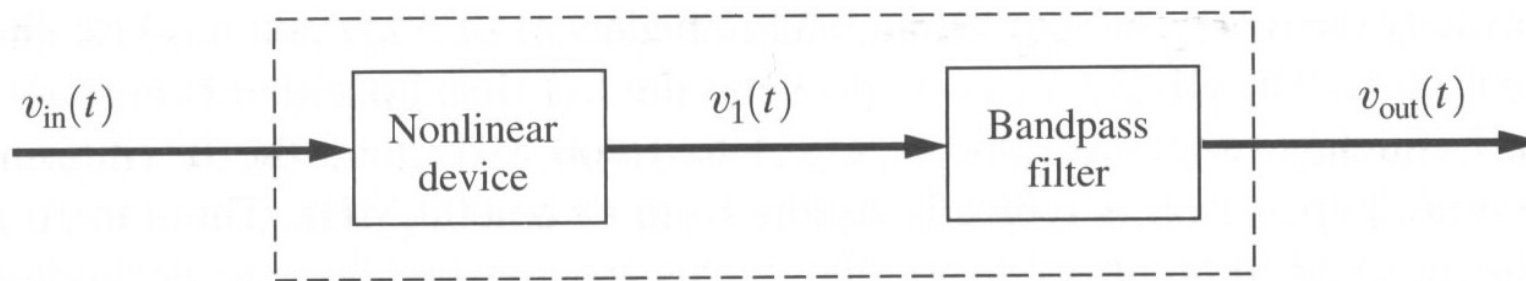
Q.: can an AM modulator be used instead?

J.Proakis, M.Salehi, Communications Systems Engineering, Prentice Hall, 2002

Indirect Wideband Angle Modulator



Frequency multiplier:



$$\cos^2 \psi(t) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \cos(2\psi(t))]$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \cos(2\psi(t))$$

Indirect Wideband FM Transmitter (Amstrong)

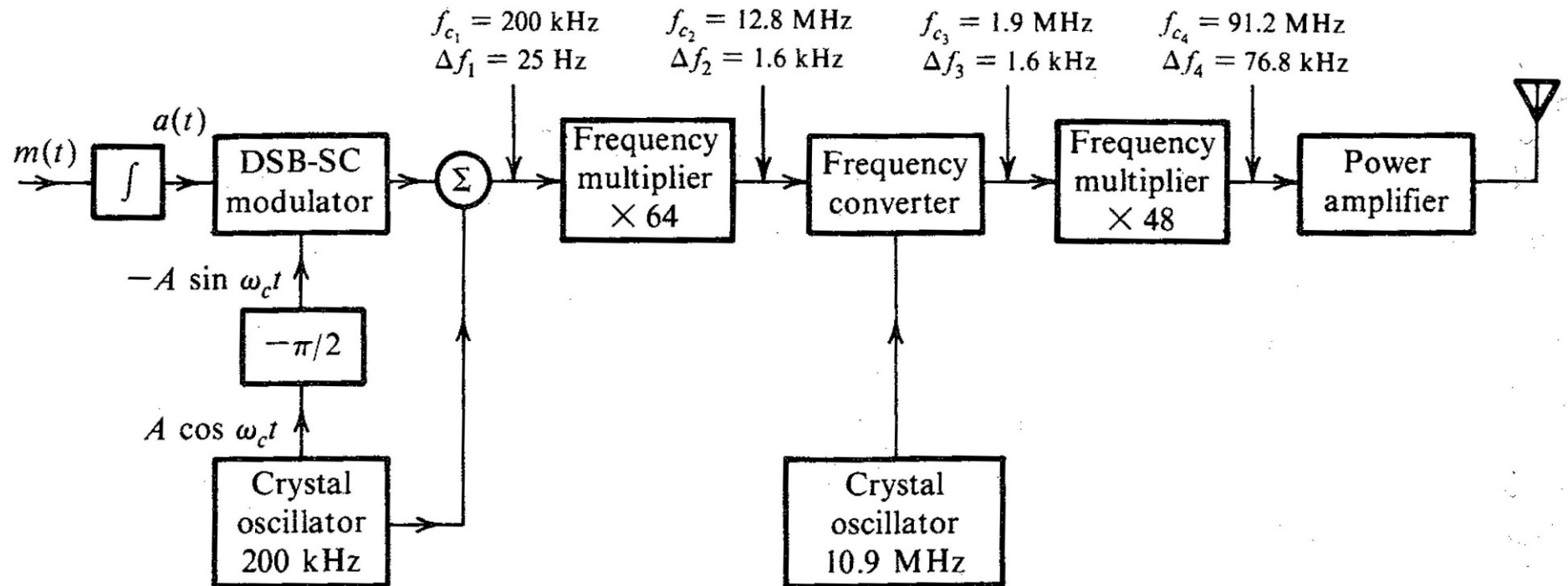
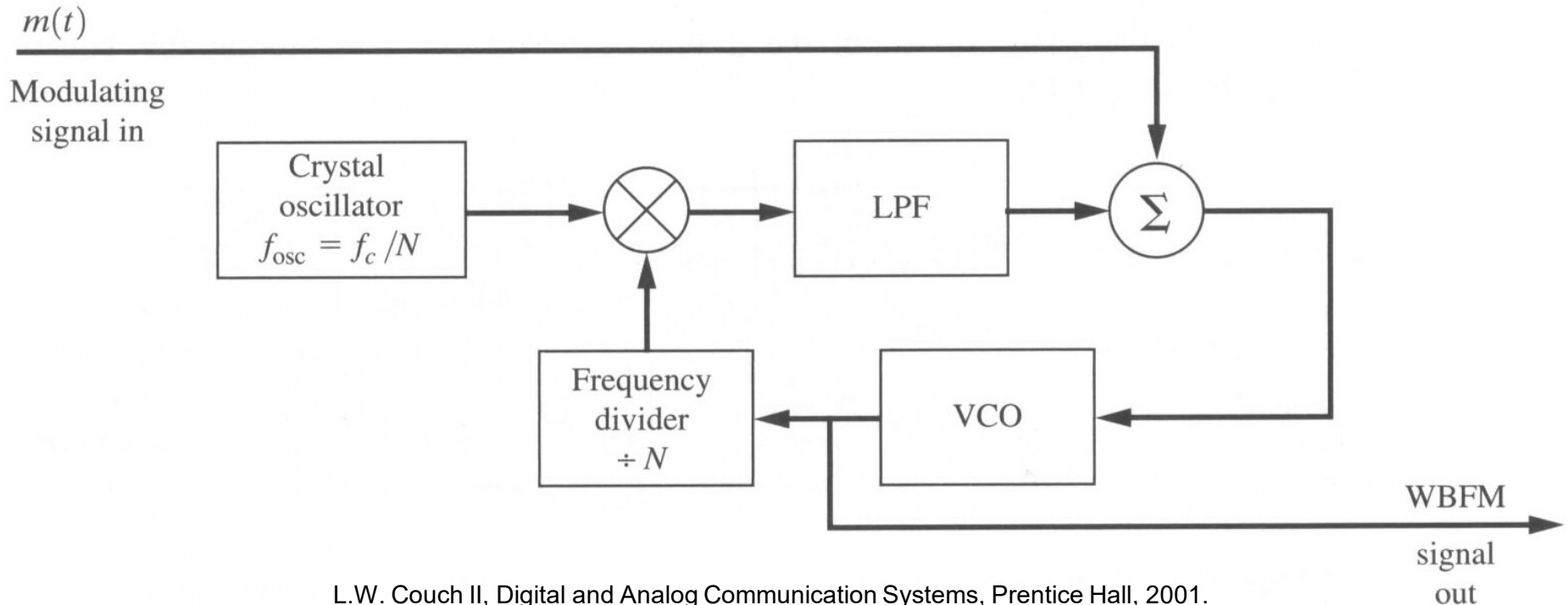


Figure 5.10 Armstrong indirect FM transmitter.

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Direct Wideband Angle Modulator

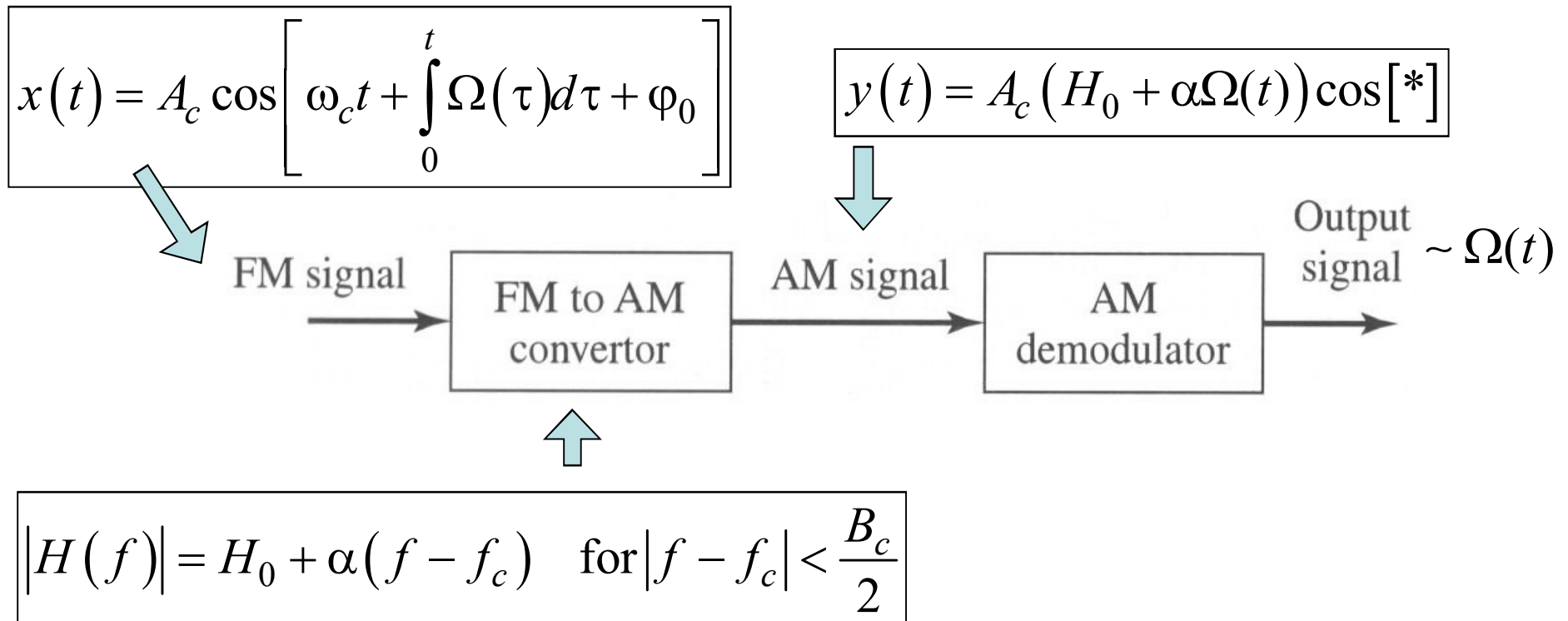


Explain how it operates

- Hint: consider it without feedback first
- Explain why feedback is required
- Explain why frequency divider is required

FM Demodulators

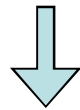
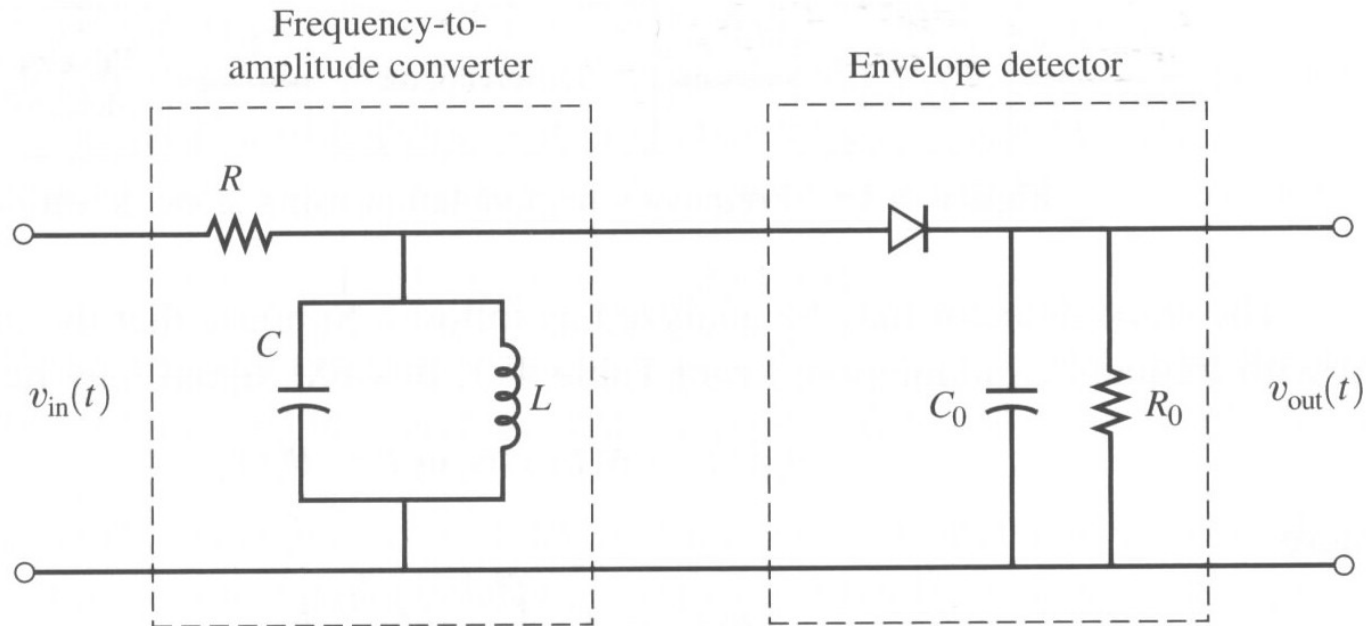
- FM-to-AM conversion:



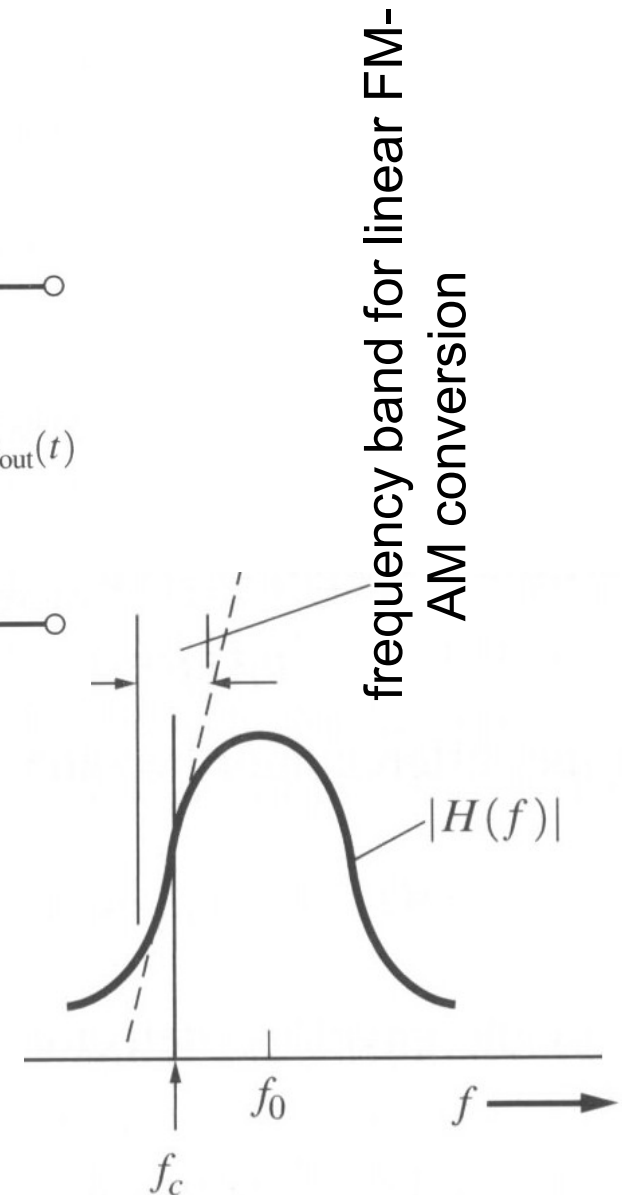
- Possible candidate: $|H(f)| = 2\pi f$ (differentiator)

FM Slope Detector

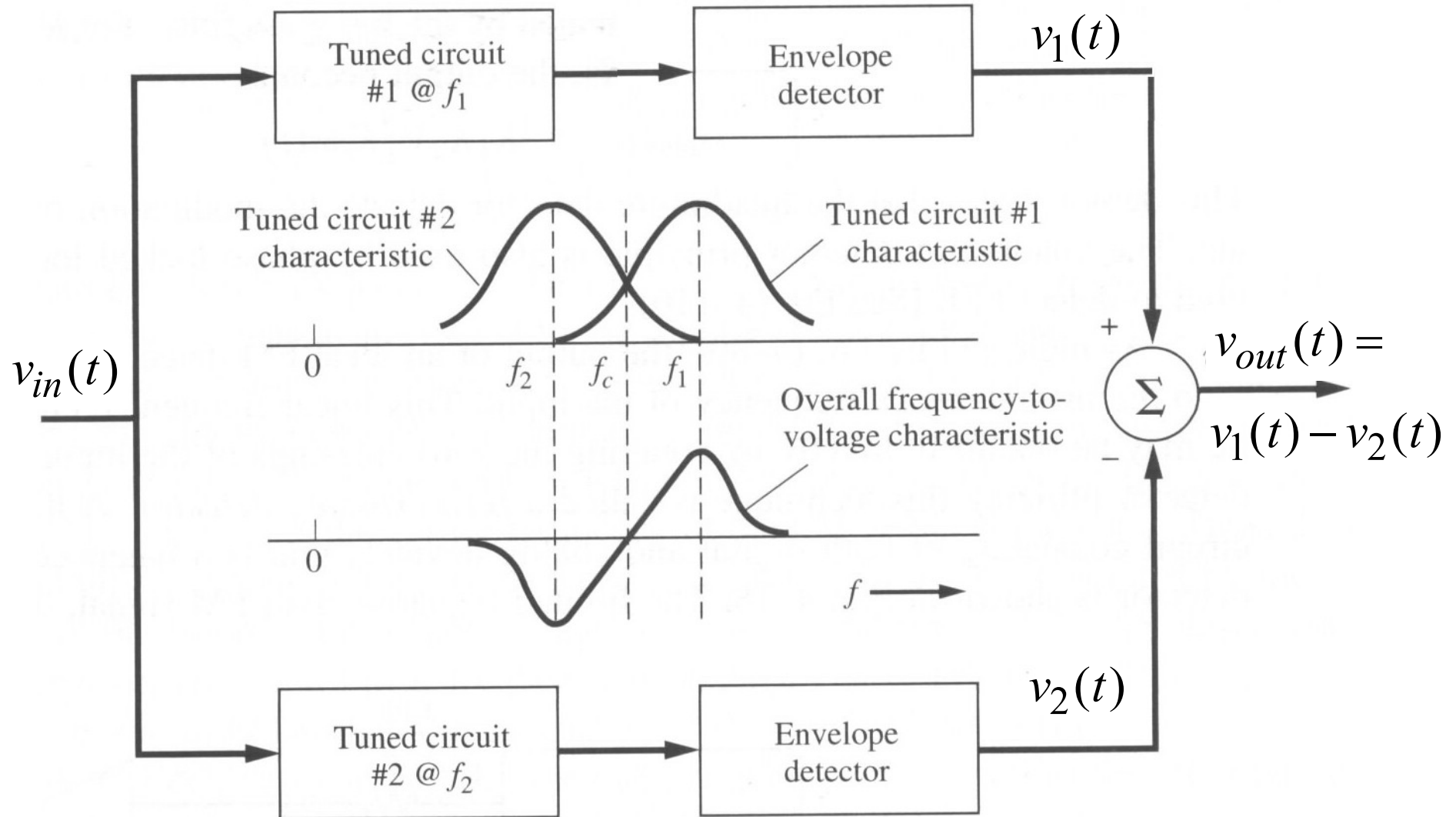
- Circuit diagram:



- Magnitude frequency response: 

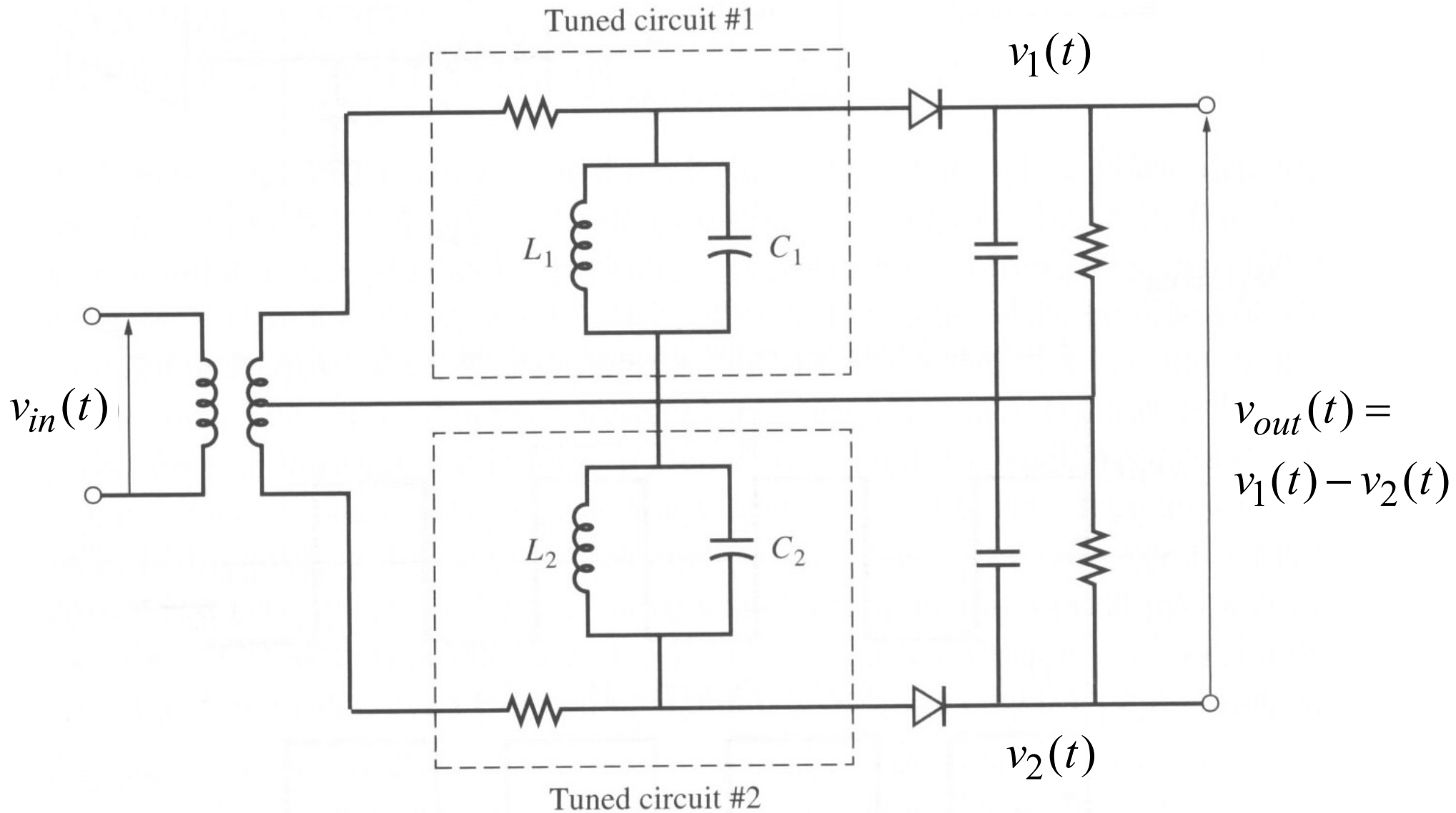


Balanced Discriminator: Block Diagram



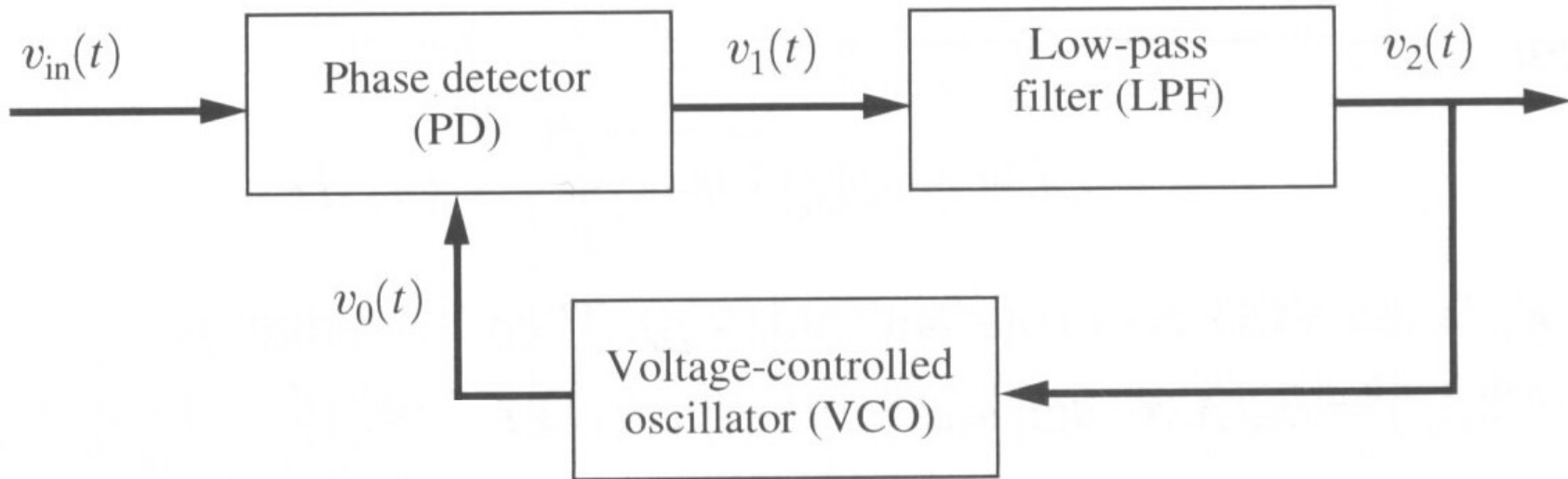
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Phased Locked Loop (PLL) Detector



$$v_{in}(t) = A_{in} \sin[\omega_c t + \varphi_{in}(t)]$$

$$v_1(t) = \frac{A_{in} A_0}{2} \sin[\varphi_{in}(t) - \varphi_0(t)] + (2\omega_c) \text{ term}$$

$$v_0(t) = A_0 \cos[\omega_c t + \varphi_0(t)]$$

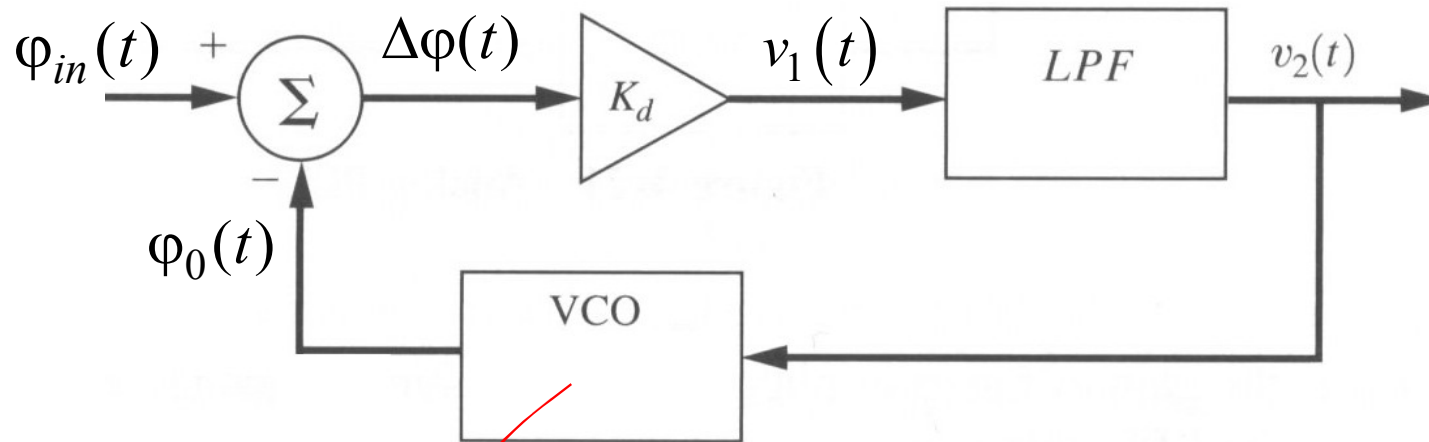
$$\omega_{VCO}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(\omega_c t + \varphi_0(t)) = \omega_c + \alpha v_2(t)$$

Informally,

$$\varphi_{in}(t) \approx \varphi_0(t)$$

$$v_2(t) \approx \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_{in}(t)$$

PLL Detector: Linear Model



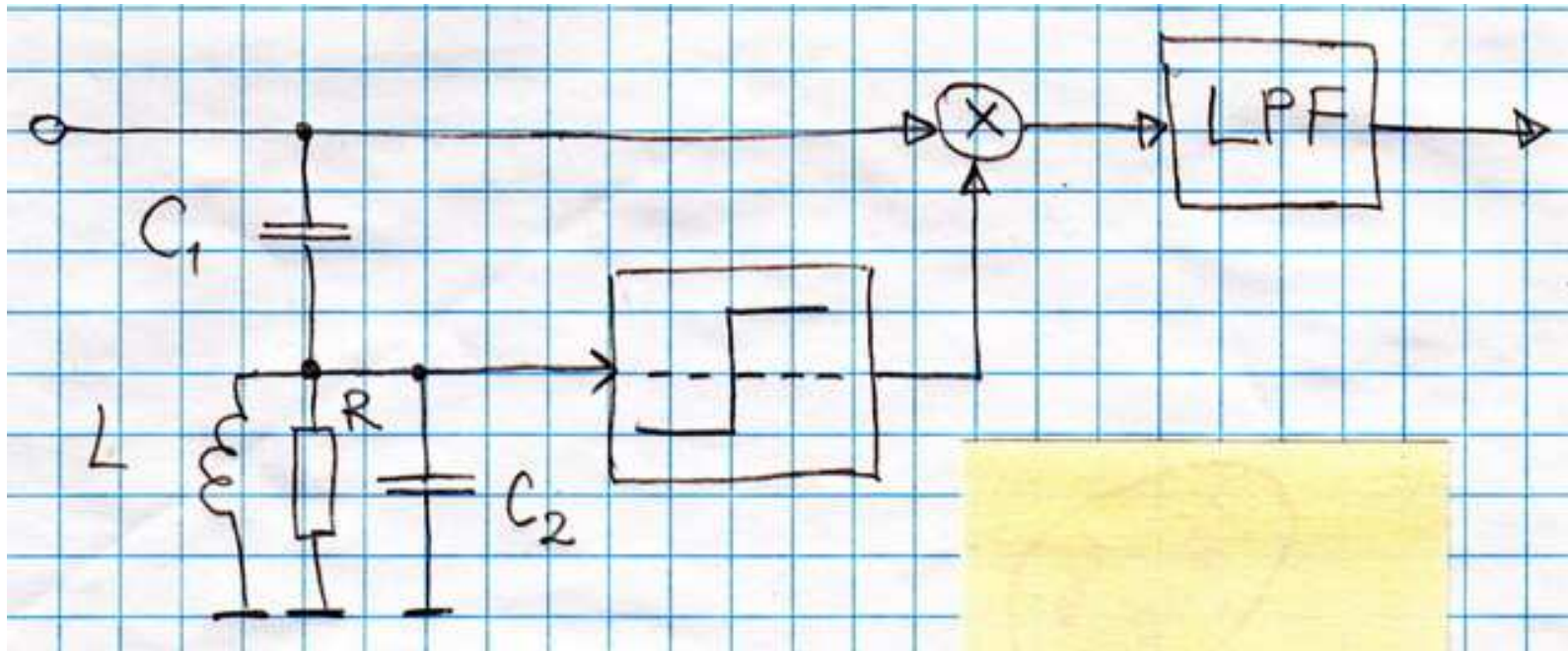
$$v_1(t) = K_d \frac{A_{in}A_0}{2} \sin[\varphi_{in}(t) - \varphi_0(t)] + (2\omega_c)\text{term}$$

$$v_2(t) = K_d \frac{A_{in}A_0}{2} \sin[\varphi_{in}(t) - \varphi_0(t)] \approx \approx K_d \frac{A_{in}A_0}{2} (\varphi_{in}(t) - \varphi_0(t)) = a_2 \Delta\varphi(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \varphi_0(t) = \alpha v_2(t)$$

$$v_2(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} [\varphi_{in}(t) - \Delta\varphi(t)] \approx \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_{in}(t)$$

FM Demodulator: Lab 3

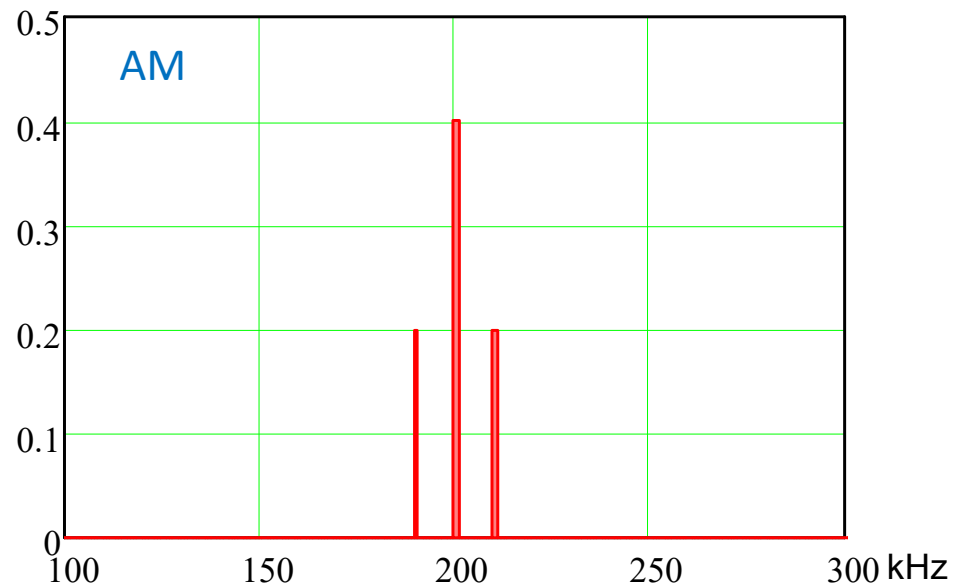
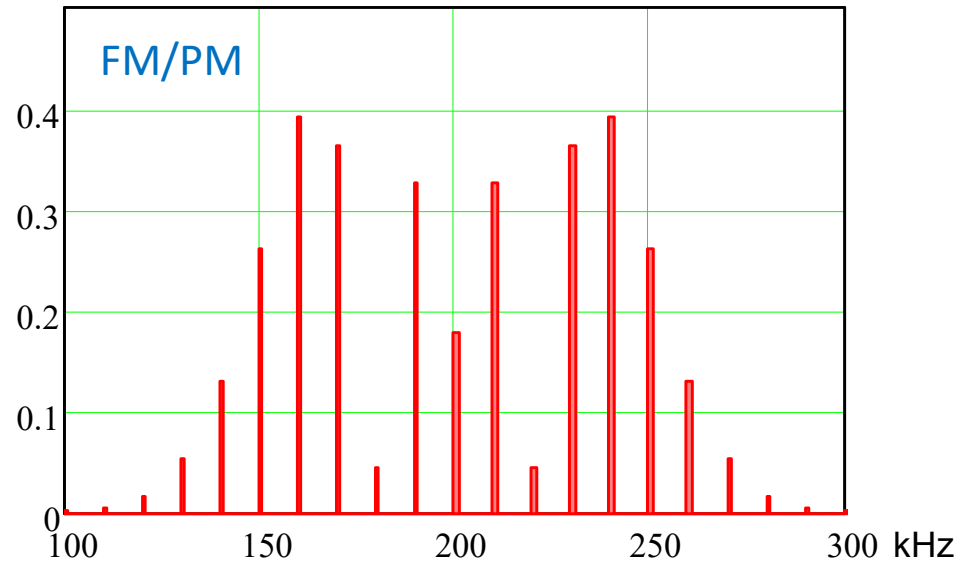
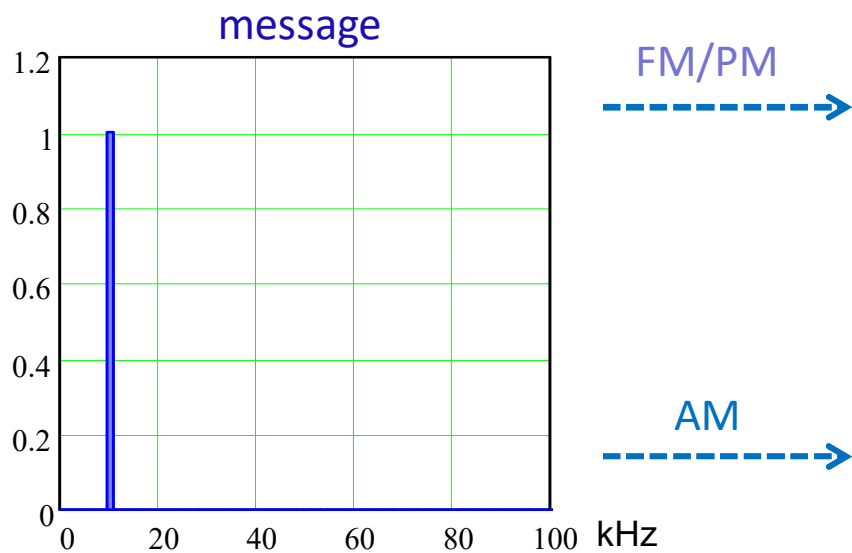


- explain its operation !
- Hint: $C_1=5$ pF, $C_2=120$ pF, $L=1$ mH, $R=100$ k Ohm;
- observe that $C_1 \ll C_2$ and use it.

Comparison of AM and FM/PM

- AM is simple (envelope detector) but no noise/interference immunity (low quality).
- AM bandwidth is twice or the same as the modulating signal (no bandwidth expansion).
- Power efficiency is low for conventional AM.
- DSB-SC & SSB – good power efficiency, but complex circuitry.
- FM/PM – spectrum expansion & noise immunity. Good quality.
- More complex circuitry. However, ICs allow for cost-effective implementation.

Spectrum: FM/PM vs. AM



Important Properties of Angle-Modulated Signals: Summary

- FM/PM signal is a nonlinear function of the message.
- The signal's bandwidth increases with the modulation index.
- The carrier spectral level varies with the modulation index, being 0 in some cases.
- Narrowband FM/PM: the signal's bandwidth is twice that of the message (the same as for AM).
- The amplitude of the FM/PM signal is constant (hence, the power does not depend on the message).

Summary

- Angle modulation: PM & FM
- Spectra of angle-modulated signals. Modulation index.
- Narrowband (low-index) & wideband (large-index) modulation. Signal bandwidth.
- Relation between PM and FM.
- Generation of angle-modulated signals. Narrowband & wideband modulators.
- Demodulation of PM and FM signals. Slope detector & balanced discriminator. PLL detector.
- Comparison of AM and FM/PM.
- **Homework**: Reading: Couch, 5.6, 4.13, 4.14. Study carefully all the examples, make sure you understand them and can solve with the book closed.